Industry in Kanyakumari to exploit rubber

2342. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an industry in Kanyakumari to exploit the available rubber;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Rubber Industry is a delicensed industry. Under the liberalized economic policy, the decision to set up industrial project is taken by the entrepreneur based on their commercial judgement. However, State Government could play active role in setting up of rubber based industry in the state.

Export of fruits, vegetables and flowers from Tamil Nadu

2343. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of abundant growth of fruits and vegetables and flowers in Dhampur/Krishnagiri districts in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to set up an export hub to export these products;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Flowers are grown in Dhramapuri district in Tamil Nadu. An Agri-Export Zone covering this area has been set up.

(b) to (d) There is no proposal to set up an export hub for export of fruits and vegetables and flowers in Dhampur/Krishnagiri districts in Tamil Nadu. Agri-Export Zones are set up based on feasibility studies and on the recommendations of State Governments. There is no proposal from the State Government for setting up of Agri-Export Zone in the area.